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SUBJECT: STRENGTHENING IAEA SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT

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FOR THE CHARGE

1. FYI: DEPT BELIEVES THAT MOROKHOV MAY AGAIN BRING UP
QUESTION OF WHY US IS CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THORSTENSEN
FROM NORWAY FOR DIRECTOR POSITION IN DEPT OF OPERATIONS,
IN OPPOSITION TO CZECH CANDIDATE BARABAS, ALONG LINES OF
EARLIER CONVERSATION REPORTED REF.C. BARABAS WAS
CONSIDERED A WEAK CANDIDATE BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BEEN IN-
VOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS. IN FACT, IAEA
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DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND EXPLORED WITH CZECH AUTHORITIES
THE POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTION OF BERANEK, A CZECH NATIONAL WHO
IS CURRENTLY WORKING IN OPERATIONS DIVISION OF THE SAFE-
GUARDS DEPT, IN PLACE OF BARABAS. EKLUND ALSO DISCUSSED
SUBSTITUTION OF BARABAS BY BERANEK WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR
EROFEEV WHO REACTED VERY NEGATIVELY TO THIS IDEA. HOWEVER,
THE CZECH AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED TO EKLUND THAT THEY

WOULD BE PREPARED TO REPLACE BARABAS NOMINATION BY KLIK, A CZECH WHO SERVED ON IAEA SAFEGUARDS STAFF FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DEPT ONLY LEARNED OF POSSIBLE KLIK NOMINATION YESTERDAY AND DOES NOT HAVE A POSITION ON HIS CANDIDACY YET. END FYI.

2. FYI: MOROKHOV HAS ALWAYS TAKEN AN ASSERTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE IAEA, AND IN PARTICULAR TOWARDS THE SAFEGUARDS DEPT. HE BELIEVES IN STRONGER REPRESENTATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES IN THE SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT. THE US, HOWEVER, BELIEVES THAT IAEA SAFEGUARDS WILL BE MORE ACCEPTABLE WHEN THE PRINCIPAL STAFFING OF THE DEPARTMENT IS FROM NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES. END FYI.

3. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH MOROKHOV:
-- WE HAVE SUPPORTED STRONG PEOPLE IN THE SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, WE SUPPORT THORSTENSEN FOR DIRECTOR OF THE OPERATIONS DIVISION.
-- WE ARE PLANNING TO RECOMMEND A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR THE EVALUATION POST.
-- IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE LIKELY TO SUFFER IF BOTH OPERATIONS DIRECTOR POSITIONS ARE FILLED BY PERSONS LACKING EXPERIENCE IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS; FYI: THE OTHER OPERATIONS DIRECTOR WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED - HAGINOYA FROM JAPAN - HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS. END FYI.
-- WE WOULD HOPE THAT AMONG THE TOP MEN IN THE SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME QUALIFIED TO TAKE ON MORE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN INSPECTOR GENERAL ROMETSCH
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LEAVES.
-- THE US HAS A VERY ACTIVE PROGRAM OF SAFEGUARDS SUPPORT WORKING TOWARD THE STRENGTHENING OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT.

4. FYI: THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ABOUT STRENGTHENING THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT AT THE LONDON SUPPLIERS MEETING. HOWEVER, THE RUSSIANS PUSHED VERY HARD ON FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS. END FYI. VANCE

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